

Appl. No. 10/817,381  
Confirmation No. 2603  
Amendment dated 20 August 2007  
Reply to Final Office Action of 29 June 2007

### **REMARKS**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 29, 2007. Applicant has considered the Office Action in the above-captioned application and requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

#### **I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the examiner has suggested that certain claim elements lack antecedent basis and/or raise an issue as to whether a reference is to a already introduced structure or to the definition of an additional structure.

Applicant respectfully submits that it is permissible to introduce a new element such as "at least one cavity" and then to subsequently refer to it in the abbreviated form of "the cavity" or "said cavity" without creating any ambiguity or an antecedent basis problem. However, in the interests of moving the application to allowance and in the absence of any prior-art rejection or other issues, and without admitting the propriety of the rejection, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 4-7, 9, 11-15, and 17 to correct these minor formalities or grammatical issues and trusts that the rejection will be withdrawn.

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### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of record are allowable and that the application should be passed to issue. Should the Examiner believe that the application is not in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would help further prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment, including additional claims fees not already paid for, fees for Extension of Time, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2207 (Attorney Docket 60849-8011-US01).

Applicant submits the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification of such is respectfully requested. If after review, the Examiner feels there are further unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4300.

Respectfully submitted,  
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